

## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

June 2011 – Week 5

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### TITLE: THE POLISH COWBOY

JUNE 1895 AND IT'S A TALE OF LOVE AND BULLETS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 29, 1895. EL PASO. KNOWN AS THE POLISH COWBOY, MARTIN M'ROZ IS A CATTLE RUSTLER AND KILLER. CHASED INTO MEXICO, M'ROZ AVOIDS ARREST, BUT LONGS TO RETURN TO HIS WIFE BEULAH.

BUT BEULAH, A FORMER PROSTITUTE, HAS FALLEN FOR THE ATTORNEY SHE HIRED TO HELP HER HUSBAND – FAMOUS WILD WEST GUNMAN, JOHN WESLEY HARDIN. SOON THEY ARE LOVER.

LEARNING OF THE AFFAIR, M'ROZ DECIDES TO RETURN TO EL PASO. CROSSING THE BRIDGE BY MOONLIGHT, HE IS AMBUSHED BY LAWMEN, REFUSES ARREST, AND DIES IN A HAIL OF BULLETS.

SOON, BEULAH MOVES IN WITH HARDIN. A MONTH LATER HE IS SHOT BY THE MAN HE SUPPOSEDLY HIRED TO KILL M'ROZ, BUT APPARENTLY FAILED TO PAY.

A LOVE-STRUCK POLISH COWBOY DIED 116 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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